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2012 MUNICIPAL ELECTION CALENDAR

	Second Tuesday in April	First Tuesday after the first Monday in June	Combine with school on third Tuesday in June
The governing board must establish the election date no later than January 14th of the election year, if they choose a different election date other than the 2nd Tuesday in April. (9-13-1)	April 10 th	June 5 th	June 19 th
The person in charge of the election must notify the Secretary of State when the election will take place by e-mail, letter, fax, or telephone.	Immediately	Immediately	Immediately
Publish notice of vacancies and time and place for filing petitions each week for two consecutive weeks. (9-13-6 or 9-13-40 & 05:02:04:06; 13-7-5 & 5:02:04:14)	January 15 th - January 30 th	February 15 th - March 1	March 15 th - March 30 th
Earliest date to begin petition circulation and earliest date to file nominating petition. (9-13-9, 9-13-40 & 13-7-6)	January 27 th	March 1 st	April 10 th
Publish first deadline of voter registration notice that needs to be publish each week for two consecutive weeks. (12-4-5.2 & 05:02:04:04)	March 5 th - March 9 th	April 30 th - May 4 th	May 14 th - May 18 th
Deadline for filing nominating petition. (9-13-7, 9-13-40 & 13-7-6)	February 24 th 5:00 pm	March 27 th 5:00 pm	May 11 th 5:00 pm
Deadline for submission of written request to withdraw candidate's name from nomination. (9-13-7.1, 13-7-7)	February 24 th 5:00 pm	March 27 th 5:00 pm	May 11th 5:00 pm
In the event of an election being canceled due to the death of a candidate, withdrawal of a candidate, or absence of contest, publication of notice of cancellation of municipal election is required. (9-13-7.1 & 05:02:04:21)	After February 24 th 5:00 pm	After March 27 th 5:00 pm	After May 11th 5:00 pm
Publish last deadline of voter registration notice that needs to be publish each week for two consecutive weeks. (12-4-5.2 & 5:02:04:04)	March 12 th - March 16 th	May 7 th - May 11 th	May 21 st - May 25 th
Deadline for voter registration. (12-4-5)	March 26 th	May 21 st	June 4 th
Absentee ballots must be made available no later than 15 days prior to the election. If the election is held in conjunction with the June Primary Election, absentee voting may begin 46 days prior to the election. (9-13-21, 12-16-1, 9-13-21)	March 26 th	April 20 th	June 4 th
Publish notice of election that needs to be published each week for two consecutive weeks. First publication must be at least 10 days before election.	March 26 th - April 6 th	May 21 st - June 1 st	June 4 th - June 15 th

(9-13-13 & 05:02:04:08 or 13-7-8 & 5:02:04:15)			
Publish facsimile ballot in the calendar week before the election. The calendar week falls from the Monday to the Saturday of the week prior to the Tuesday of Election Day. (9-13-13)	April 2 nd - April 6 th	May 28 th - June 1 st	June 11 th - June 15 th
Automatic tabulating systems only. Conduct a public test of the system. Must publish notice 48 hours before test. (12-17B-5 & 5:02:09:01.01)	March 31 st - April 9 th	May 28 th - June 4 th	June 9 th - June 18 th
Election Day. Polls open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (9-13-1)	April 10 th	June 5 th	June 19 th
Deadline for official canvass. (9-13-24)	April 17 th	June 12 th	June 26 th

Note: If the school election is combined with a municipal election on a date other than the 2nd Tuesday in April, all dates follow [SDCL 13-7](#) (except when combined with the county for a primary election).

Notify County Auditor: Contact your county auditor when you know you will have an election and ask if he/she can be available from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. on that date to answer questions regarding voter registration.